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**Solicitation Information
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ADDENDUM # 2

RFP# 7548397

TITLE: RFP - Engineering Services Building Envelope Analysis – Powers Building

Submission Deadline: Monday February 10, 2014 at 11:30 am (Eastern Time)

Notice to Vendors:

- Attached are questions received with responses. No further questions will be answered.

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Interested parties should monitor this website, on a regular basis, for any additional information that may be posted.

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Questions:

1. Why is this for engineers only? It is really architectural work.
The RFP is not restricted to only engineers. The RFP is open to any Respondent qualified to perform the required analysis. It will be the responsibility of the Respondent to convey their qualifications as part of their response.
2. Is there an environmental impact study of the proposed project available to review? This would have status of the amounts lead paint, PCB's and ACM containing materials currently in place on the exterior walls (i.e. caulking's, sealants, glazings, etc.)
No.
3. Please clarify that the scope of the survey work does not include any work with the roof, parapets, flashing, roof penthouses or roof penetrations (i.e. HVAC, elevator, etc.). The only components of the building envelope survey are the exterior walls and their fenestration.
Correct. However, the exterior faces of the building's parapets (granite panels) are included in project scope.
4. Please verify that the scope will not include any inspections of interior components that are part of the exterior wall assembly (i.e. GWB located on exterior walls, windows, or window trim, etc.).
Incorrect. Facilities personnel will identify locations of typical interior evidence of fenestration/ building envelope failure for inspection by the awarded Respondent. Windows, window trim, blocking, sealants, etc. are included in the project scope.
5. 1.2)i). Although the COA requirement is noted as required only of the successful bidder, are we correct that recent interpretations have required a valid COA for the successful prime bidder as of the date of the bid submittal, not after the fact before contract signing?
The COA is required by the bidder at the time of submittal
6. 2.1) Required Services. Although not presently required by the RFP to be carried by the professional, we anticipate that the State will be required to incur some testing costs during determination of as-built conditions and repair recommendations. Should an allowance be established for this work for uniformity among bidders and it be included within this RFP?
Respondents are requested to carry an allowance of \$10,000 for any required testing during the course of the investigation.
7. 3.1)a) 1. The RFP states that the firm should provide a plan for compliance with the State's MBE requirements. Does providing our MBE letters and percentage of work delineated on our organization chart meet these needs?
Respondents are advised to provide a plan delineating their firm's approach to meeting the requirements identified in section "k" on page 3 of 16 of the RFP. Additional questions regarding MBE compliance should be directed to the State MBE Administrator.

8. 3.1)a) 2. The RFP indicates that a proposed schedule is required in our Technical Proposal. Is there an anticipated start date for this project and any known milestones that we would need to work with?
The State's intent is to complete the work outlined in the RFP by June 30, 2014. Project start date is dependent on a number of factors beyond the control of Facilities Management. Respondents are advised to provide an anticipated schedule with their recommended milestone dates for review by Technical Review Committee.
9. 3.4)a)3. Should only the Technical Proposal, and NOT the Fee Proposal, be included on the Original CD?
Yes
10. 3.5)k) Since this report phase RFP is to determine recommended repairs to establish a budget, we believe that k) does not apply. Is this correct?
No. Respondents will be required to provide a rough cost estimate of the magnitude of required repairs following investigation outlined in the RFP.
11. We are interested in submitting a proposal for the Bid # project referenced above and were wondering if there are any special forms to complete for submission in addition to our written proposal?
Yes, there are requirements such as four page bidder certification form, W9. You should review the proposal for all the requirements.
12. It is our understanding that about a year ago the State of Rhode Island advertised a Request for Contractor Bidding to remove and replace damaged granite panels at the Powers Building. If this is correct, may we obtain a copy of the plans and specifications to gain a better understanding of quantities and locations of damaged panels? This will allow us to determine the degree of contractor/lift assistance during evaluation of this project.
Plans and shop drawings from the building's construction in the late 80's were posted to the Division of Purchases' website as Addendum #1. The recent granite contractor did not produce plans and specifications as part of their repair work, which was minor, and had been previously repaired. All areas of repair were either at-grade or accessible by scissor lift.
13. Please clarify the verbiage under Section 1.1C of the RFP, which states that the respondents selected for this solicitation "shall be ineligible to bid upon any future consulting or construction solicitations which may arise from or relate to the services described in this solicitation". Does this eliminate the use of the selected architectural/engineering firm who performs the evaluation from developing repair specifications?
For the purpose of this RFP, the intent of section 1.1C is to prohibit the awarded Respondent from bidding on the physical repair work resulting from the public bid of final drawings and specifications. Potential Respondents are advised that the results of the work involved in this RFP will be made available (for bidding purposes) as part of a forthcoming RFP to provide drawings and specifications for the required repair work.